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Dear Commissioner Newman,

I am writing to you regarding the 2012 REST Implementation Plan that you will be voting on next week. My wife and I are very concerned that the Arizona Corporation Commission may require less solar to be installed on Tucson homes and businesses over the next four years.

I want to let you know that we are comfortable with the amount of surcharge we currently pay (\$4.50 per month maximum) and rather than have that charge be reduced, we would like to see the amount of solar installed each year in Tucson increase instead of decrease. We would be extremely disappointed to hear that the Commission reduced the surcharge we pay in order to decrease the amount of solar being installed each year.

Attached is my letter, from myself and my wife Beth, which provides more detail regarding our concerns.

The solar industry needs steady support, not wild fluctuations year to year. Please keep in mind that we need the ACC to continue to support the solar industry in Arizona. The worst possible outcome would be to throw cold water on the momentum and expertise that has been developed over the past 5 or 6 years. We believe that the current proposal being considered by the ACC is "ice cold water" and will significantly set back the solar industry at a time when we need to be stoking the fire.

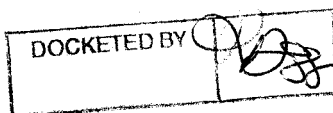
Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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RE: 2012 REST Implementation Plan for TEP Docket NO. E-01933A-11-0269

Dear Commissioner Newman:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we are concerned that the Arizona Corporation Commission may require less solar to be installed on Tucson homes and businesses over the next four years.

The cost of solar has decreased significantly over the last few years, and the incentives have dropped from \$3/watt to \$2/watt, and are continuing to go down. We understand that lower incentives are required now to make solar a good investment. This should mean that for every dollar we pay into the REST surcharge, more solar will be installed than was installed last year, and the year before.

We want to let you know that we are comfortable with the amount of surcharge we currently pay (\$4.50 per month maximum) and rather than have that charge be reduced, we would like to see the amount of solar installed each year in Tucson increase instead of decrease. We would be extremely disappointed to hear that the Commission reduced the surcharge we pay in order to decrease the amount of solar being installed each year.

If there was a mistake in the design of the program which is going to result in a three to four year drop in new installations, we would like to see the commission remedy this situation. It does not make any sense to us to support growth for a few years, then support a 60+% decline, only to incentivize significant growth again four years later. The solar industry needs steady support, not wild fluctuations year to year.

We believe Arizona should lead the nation in solar adoption, and we do not want to see less solar installed each year in southern Arizona. We hope that you will vote to support current levels, or close to current levels of new solar installations each year to help keep Arizona and its solar industry moving in a positive direction.

Sincerely,



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